

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An airbag device comprising an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, wherein said airbag includes an attachment side base cloth attached to an opposed side base cloth, said airbag device is provided with

a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,

a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag,

a cloth-like piece connected to a vicinity of the vent hole at one end thereof with a sewn portion, and to a vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end thereof releasably,

wherein said cloth-like piece does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,

an arc-like pocket defined between the sewn portion and the vent hole functioning as a gas reservoir for interrupting a flow of gas directed from the gas inflow port toward the opposed side base cloth to guide the interrupted gas into the vent hole,

a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and

releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device.

2. (original): The airbag device according to claim 1, wherein a length of the cloth-like piece from one end to the other end is shorter than a length of the airbag from one end to the other end.

3. (previously presented): The airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the cloth-like piece is connected to an inside of the airbag at one end at a position in the vicinity of the vent hole and remote from the gas inflow port.

4. (withdrawn): An airbag device comprising an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device is provided with

 a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,
 a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag;
 a cloth-like piece connected to an inside of the airbag at both ends thereof and spaced apart from an edge of the vent hole;
 an extension cloth connected to the cloth-like piece at one end, to the vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end to be releasable,
 wherein said extension cloth does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,
 a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and
 releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device.

5. (previously presented): An airbag device having an inflator for generating gas and an airbag expandable by the gas, said airbag device comprising:

 a gas inflow port provided in the airbag through which the gas flows in,
 a vent hole provided in the airbag for discharging the gas flown in the airbag,

a cloth-like piece connected to a vicinity of the vent hole at one end thereof, and to a vicinity of the gas inflow port at the other end thereof releasably,

wherein said cloth-like piece does not close the vent hole in a state where the other end is retained, and closes the vent hole due to an internal pressure of the airbag in a state where the other end is released,

a retaining device for retaining the other end of the cloth-like piece, and

releasing means for releasing retention of the retaining device,

wherein the retaining device has a retaining plate, and the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate.

6. (original): The airbag device according to claim 5, wherein the releasing means implements releasing by forcibly deforming the retaining plate by a pressure generated by an explosive.

7. (withdrawn): The airbag device according to claim 1, wherein the airbag is provided with a tether belt for restraining expansion of the airbag, and one end of the tether belt is retained by the retaining device.